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For: POLARIZING MEMBER, OPTICAL MEMBER AND LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY
DEVICE



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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication No. Hei 2000-314811 discloses that bright spots are caused by foreign matters in a protective film made of cellulose ester such as cellulose triacetate. It is assumed that the reflective index at the foreign matters is different from that of the other normal portions and light is leaked. Further, a preferable embodiment is supposed, in which the number of bright spots with the diameter of 0.01 mm or more is not more than 200 / cm².

English Language abstract of Japanese Patent Application Nos. Hei 2000-137115 and Hei 2000-313766 are submitted herewith and constitutes concise statements of relevance.

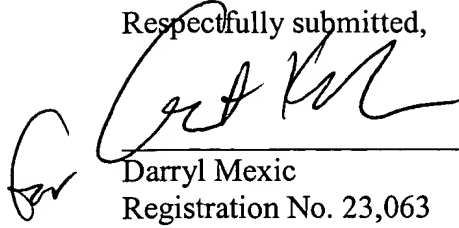
Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-151901 discloses that a cellulose ester for a protective film of a polarizer is provided. This cellulose ester film contains (i) one plasticizer having solidifying point 25°C or more, (ii) another plasticizer having solidifying point less than 25°C, and (iii) UV absorbent having melting point less than 20°C.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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